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Hospital Aids Association

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
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ON OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH, 1951

The Fifth annual meeting of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association, was held on Thursday, October 25th, 1951, in the Marlborough Hall of the Marlborough Hotel.

A Presidents Dinner was held for the first time at 7 o'clock on Wednesday October 24th. Sixty-one members attended. Mrs. R.H.B. North of Carman introduced the guests at the Head Table i.e. Mrs. W.R. Leslie, Mrs. Stewart Scott, Mrs. L.W. Houston, Mrs. W.P. Fillmore, Mrs. M.J. George, Mrs. A.E. Hoskin, Mrs. Art Williams, Mrs. A.P. Johns and Mrs. R.H.B. North.

Our Guest speaker for this occasion was Mrs. W.R. Leslie of Morden, Manitoba, who very kindly told us about her trip to the Old Country this past summer. She also showed us some beautiful colored slides of the various places she visited. Mrs. George introduced and thanked the Guest speaker.

Mrs. Fillmore, Our President, presided over the dinner and welcomed the guests.

Reports were given of the Rag Drive by Mrs. Stewart Scott and of the National Conference on Women's Hospital Auxiliaries in St. Louis. Three members of the White Cross Guild attended this meeting. Mrs. L.W. Houston gave this report.

Mrs. Dolores Macfarlane, Informational Writer, Department of Health and Public Welfare, had a most interesting display. Material for talks and films can be obtained by writing to Bureau of Health & Welfare Education, 320 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg.

The evening was a most enjoyable one as it gave us an opportunity to meet the Presidents of our Rural Auxiliaries.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25th

Registration of representatives and members commenced at 9.00 A.M. After registering, the members viewed the Associated Hospitals Exhibits.

At 10.00 A.M. The President, Mrs. W.P. Fillmore opened the meeting with the following prayer. -

*Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee
to bless the work of the Manitoba
Women's Hospital Auxiliaries Association,
and to further with Thy continual help
those who labor in it, in Thy love and for Thy glory.
Grant us lowliness of spirit, steadfastness of faith,
perseverance in all good works, and bring us at last
to Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

President's Address and Welcome to Delegates

Members and friends of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our fifth Annual Meeting. We are very happy to have you with us and hope that you will get some worthwhile ideas from the reports that you will hear.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of our President Mrs. A.E. Hoskin due to ill health. Mrs. Hoskin will be present today and I know that we all hope that she will continue to regain her health and strength.

Your executive made many visits to help form new Aids. Written requests were made for information as to the method of conducting the work of Hospital Aids. We who made the visits had a most interesting and enjoyable time. It was a pleasure to us all to meet members of the various Aids, their hospitality was very deeply appreciated.

We also enjoyed visiting the new hospitals and seeing the excellent equipment and tasteful furnishings, mostly donated by the Hospital Aids. It is rightly said that a Women's Hospital Aid is beyond price to a Hospital, especially in the field of Public Relations, where they can interpret the work of the Hospital to the general public. It is difficult for men to realize the tremendous amount of time and effort that goes into raising funds for this work. I think that Manitoba can be justly proud of their Hospital Aids.

I do not want to take up too much of your time as there are many excellent reports to follow, but would like to tell you of the impression I gained of our Minister of Health, The Hon. Paul Martin, when he opened the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Hospital Council in Ottawa, last May. As you know the Hon. Paul Martin spoke on the National Health Plan. He was introduced by Sister M. Evangeline of Pembroke, Ontario, the birthplace of the Minister of Health. Her introduction was a wonderful presentation. She spoke of Paul, as she called him, when he was stricken with Infantile Paralysis at the age of three, and of the love and devotion of his Mother and brother - of his determination to go to school although badly crippled, so much so that his brother had to pull him to school in a wagon. After she had concluded it was some minutes before Mr. Martin could speak as he was so deeply moved by what she had said. I think that we who were present realized that the Minister of Health for Canada was a man who would have the interests of the sick and crippled, in mind, when allotting funds for the purpose of treatment and better accommodation.

Through the generosity of the Associated Hospitals of Manitoba, the Winnipeg Foundation and the Department of Health, Mrs. George, Miss Macleod and myself were privileged to go to Ottawa to help form a National Council of Hospital Auxiliaries. Miss Macleod will tell you about this in her report.

May I express my very deep appreciation of the wonderful help and co-operation that I have received from all members of the executive. Without their help it would not have been possible to accomplish the work that has been done.

Respectfully submitted,

Violet P. Fillmore.

Secretary's Report

Madam President and Ladies:

This is such an important Annual Meeting, it is hard to know what one can afford to leave unsaid. Many of you remember that memorable gathering to set plans in motion for a Provincial Women's Hospital Aid on November 1, 1946. Now it is almost an accomplished five year plan. Our first President, Mrs. Milton George, in her quiet, unassuming manner had misgivings -- wondering how we could justify our existence. How very, very far she has gone with her work since those groping days. Maybe our most recent recognition should be related at the outset. The historic birth of The National Canadian Council of Hospital Auxiliaries in Ottawa, May 29, 1951. That grand woman, Mrs. Oliver Rhynas, was elected President.

The purpose of said Council is mainly assistance, development and operation of hospitals in Canada; to foster closer relationships with Provincial Hospital Auxiliaries and all allied hospital, health and nursing services; to help clarify problems of concern in extending health and hospitalization in Canada. The purpose is truly worthwhile and deserves our unstinted efforts to make it work.

It surely was an honor for your three Manitoba representatives to be there: Mrs. Milton George, your past President, Mrs. W.P. Fillmore, your President, and Miss Christina Macleod, your Secretary. Nine women sat around the table and after queries, replies and explanations among ourselves, we were joined by four men outstanding in hospital affairs, namely, Judge Milton George, K.C., President of the Associated Hospitals of Manitoba, Mr. Fraser Armstrong, Superintendent, Kingston General Hospital, and President of Canadian Hospital Council, Mr. Percy Ward, Executive Secretary, B.C. Hospitals Association, and Dr. Harvey Agnew, Hospital Consultant for Canada. The words of wisdom and guidance from these men were much appreciated.

To do justice to what was accomplished in Ottawa at that and other meetings would take more time and space than are at my disposal. In a letter from Mrs. Rhynas which will be read immediately following this report, she says: "If any are interested in having copies of this Souvenir Brochure, it is ten cents a copy. The Brochure gives a short resume of what took place at our first meeting." Please take note of Mrs. Rhynas' important offer.

An address, "Three Years of Health Progress," was given by Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare. By the way, this was the first time he had revealed the five-point change in his Extension of Federal Health Grants. Three years ago, had some of you heard Mr. Martin's program, it would have meant little to you -- but what an insight Manitoba women have had into such matters in the last few years and what a great part in the scheme has been yours.

We sat in on the Canadian Hospital Council meetings. We heard Honourable Paul Martin three times, and we had the distinct honor of an address from the Prime Minister in the Railway Committee Room in the House of Commons, and furthermore attended part of a session in the House and heard Mr. George Drew expounding on the rising costs of paper -- which we ourselves have since felt in our daily newspapers.

When I tell you we arrived in Ottawa Monday, 7.15 A.M., registered, queued up for breakfast and lost no time in getting to the Chateau Laurier where the Hospital Council was in session, and that our own meeting broke up at 1.40 next morning, you can imagine what we packed into our short time spent in Ottawa. We even climbed to the very top of the Peace Tower for good measure.

I started out by telling you it was hard to know what to leave unsaid, but as you have to carry much back to your respective Aids and Guilds, this report is fuller than

usual. The Annual Reports when printed are read by those people you left at home and also by yourselves.

On January 10, 1951, your 1950 President, Mrs. Hoskin, wrote me saying that after two serious heart attacks, her doctor had ordered her to give up all work on committees, etc., in the future. She regretted having to resign as President of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association. Our first Vice-President, Mrs. Art Williams, felt she was not able to take over at that time and Mrs. W.P. Fillmore was urged to fill the vacancy. Mrs. F.S. Burgess, of Neepawa, second Vice-President, resigned due to ill health, and Mrs. F.B.C. Richardson, of Portage la Prairie, a District Representative, resigned owing to pressure of other work. Mrs. Percy Murray, Neepawa, filled the last-named vacancy for the remainder of the year. All these changes were conveyed to you in your letters from the Association. Once again may I ask that letters be passed on so that as many as possible know what we are doing and planning.

The value of hospital aids and guilds got more publicity than ever before through the medium of newspapers, radio and rag drives -- all these are reminders to others of your great work. Team work plays such a vital and stimulating role, as well as setting a good example. Could there be better human relations than our desire to work together in harmony? What are your ideas worth? How many of you are going back with new ideas and yet feel gratified your contribution to the cause helped someone else. "If we but remember that every vision has its price, every fidelity its reward." No one is more convinced of the greatness of hospital aids than yours truly. I dedicate my work in this Association to the Brandon Women's Hospital Aid Society, without whose work and courage I could not have carried on in those dark days of the so-called hungry thirties. No doubt by now some of you are thinking this does not read like a Secretary's report. Were I to give you figures of what we have done, how many of you would care to listen to them?

However, don't think you are getting away without having to carry your responsibilities back to your colleagues. Five of your Provincial Association were present at the opening of the new hospital at Neepawa. Three, together with Kay O'Neill from Radio Station C.B.W., went to Roland, toured their beautiful new hospital and attended their meeting. What an alert group of women we met there. Getting to and from these visits we are most deeply indebted to Mrs. A.M. Oswald for the use of her car and her time. In May your President and Secretary were happy to be visiting Dauphin General Hospital, accompanied by members of their Aid when new kitchen equipment had just arrived -- it is a thrill to see the women's handwork turned into such use. As your President could not make Neepawa and Reston appointments two days in succession, she sent your Secretary. It was the Reston organization meeting and what a pleasure it was to meet those enthusiastic women. The big political meeting at Virden that night caused absentees, but forty-two assembled and got right down to business. I took the chair and answered many questions before nomination of officers took place. Not one of those women had ever taken part in such work, but before we left the hall that night there were twenty-five paid members at a \$1.00 membership fee. What a response when you know that women don't always carry money with them. Their hospital is not yet opened -- but they have worked hard and please listen to their report to hear their results. There are other new Aids at Elma, Miami, Rennie, Seven Sisters, Stonewall and MacGregor.

A question bothering many Aids -- how can they get a representative on their Hospital Boards? Many have representatives and boards are finding that their auxiliaries are valuable and Aids themselves must keep on trying to educate their Boards. Where hospitals were or are being built under Health Welfare scheme, these Hospital Boards are appointed by that body. It is ever to be remembered that Auxiliaries do not dictate -- remember my opening remark on *purpose*.

Your members on the Provincial Council of Women have gained much from that association. Your executive have endeavoured to answer whenever a call was made upon them. Our trip to Ottawa was made possible by the generosity of The Associated Hospitals of Manitoba, the Department of Health and Public Welfare through the kindness of Honourable Ivan Schultz, and the Winnipeg Foundation, through Mr. Peter Lowe. Letters of thanks have gone to the respective organizations, but again we say a very grateful "thank you." Requests for like donations are not to be repeated, so in future we must have some arrangement whereby such can be met. Our Public Relations Officer has done a grand job -- much of what she has done will not show up in her report. When Mrs. Konantz called me about the Rag Drive, we were without a President, but nevertheless I knew that whatever made money for our Aids would be acceptable to us and that we were solidly behind the White Cross in their Rag Drive.

Mrs. Dolores MacFarlane, writer on Health and Welfare Education, will be with us and all should take advantage of her literature. We thank her for assistance already given us.

Some of you will be attending your first provincial meeting. Please make yourselves known. In the rush of getting as much as possible packed into the time at our disposal, if we appear too busy to give you attention, try again. We are in this work together to put the most into it -- it is by giving that we receive.

In the past my reports were too short to suit some people, but this one is longer. Yet much has been left unsaid -- for instance, the increase in fees is due to higher costs of materials and postal rates. The change in name from Aids to Auxiliaries is due to confusion where Hospital Aids are employed in hospitals. The new report forms were for uniformity and again to save on the price of annual reports. These we hope to get printed and have for your use at winter meetings. We are looking forward to results from our Round Table discussions and questions and answers. A treat in store is the tour of Princess Elizabeth Hospital with a tea to follow. In September I attended their meeting and spoke to them and they are looking forward to our visit. Don't miss it. You are invited to view exhibits of the Associated Hospitals Convention -- they really are an education.

I had better conclude my report by thanking all those who have worked to make the year such a success. Your President has done everything possible to gain that success; Mrs. Osward carried on my work during my absence from the City; and all the others who helped. The work of Hospital Auxiliaries is greater than anyone can relate. May God's blessing attend all your endeavours.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Macleod.

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Public Relations Report - 1951

Madam Chairman and Members of the Women's Hospital Aid Association -

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the first annual report on Public Relations of this Association.

As you all know the public relations of our organization are carried on daily by every

member of this Association - by constant contact with the public through the various hospitals.

Every member of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aid Association should at all times do her best to enlighten the public about the excellent work they are doing for the hospitals in this Province.

Here in Winnipeg we do our best to get out into the Country as much as possible but quite often the dates of the country meetings conflict with other meetings.

On Friday June 22nd, Mrs. Fillmore, Mrs. Danzinger, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Blow (St. Andrews) and I drove to Neepawa to attend the official opening of their new hospital. A beautiful hospital it is with everything so completely modern and all done in pastel colors, such an agreeable change from the old style white interior. After the opening the Women's Hospital Aid ladies served a delightful tea.

While Miss Macleod was in Brandon she journeyed on to Reston on the 18th of June to act as Chairman at their organization meeting and to help set-up the new Aid. Twenty-five ladies took out membership at this meeting.

Roland Hospital Aid invited the members of the Executive Committee to attend their monthly meeting on Friday September 14th. Those attending were Mrs. Fillmore, Miss Macleod, Mrs. Oswald and Miss K. O'Neill from Radio Station C.B.C.

A most delightful visit was enjoyed - first the inspection of their new hospital unit which is complete to the last detail but cannot be opened because of lack of nursing staff - then a lovely tea was served and the monthly meeting followed at which time each one of your executive committee attending spoke to the Ladies of Roland. Mrs. R. Mullin, the President of Roland Hospital Aid was in the chair and made a very pleasing chairman.

The following Monday, September 24th, Miss O'Neill of C.B.C. gave her daily programme over the air and outlined details of the work being carried on by the Roland Hospital Aid Ladies for the local Hospital. Our sincere thanks, Miss O'Neill, for giving us so freely of your time and energy to further our hospital work.

Mr. Hanks, President of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, distributed to fifty-four country papers an article dealing with Hospital Aid work. The wide spread publication of this article will do a great deal to help our organization. I should like to record our appreciation to Mr. Hanks and his competent secretary Miss Hammond.

The Winnipeg Tribune and Free Press have both been very kind in giving us space in their papers the past week telling of this convention and are both represented here today to cover the annual meeting. I should very much like to move a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Verena Garrioch and Miss Lyne Chandler, representatives of the local papers for their attendance here today.

Radio Station CKY gave us time over the air on Friday, October 19th when Mrs. Fillmore your President and Miss Macleod your Recording Secretary spoke on Hospital work. Mrs. Alison Hellman was our leading light in this enterprise. To you Mrs. Hellman may I say thank you very much for your help and time in this valuable way of putting Hospital Aid work before the members and the public in general.

I have received a great measure of valuable assistance from Mrs. Dolores MacFarlane, Informational Writer, Department of Health and Public Welfare - without her help much of your public relations work would have been left undone. Thank you Mrs. MacFarlane for your invaluable help.

May I now bring this report to a close with thanking Mrs. Fillmore, Miss Macleod and many others of the Executive Committee for their loyal and splendid cooperation during the year just completed.

Aileen Oswald,
Public Relations Officer.

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Above reports seconded by Miss Edythe Paynter.

The President reported that the Treasurer, Mrs. Danzinger had had the misfortune to break her ankle. Miss Macleod very kindly has taken over her duties until she recovers.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand Royal Bank of Canada 20th October 1950	\$121.49
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Receipts

Fees	\$336.00
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Donations

Associated Hospitals of Manitoba	\$ 200.00
Dept. of Health & Public Welfare	100.00
Winnipeg Foundation	200.00 500.00

Miscellaneous Receipts and Revenue	125.15
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Bank Interest	2.46
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963.61

\$1085.10

Expenditure

Dinner Annual Meeting 1950	\$241.00
Travel Expenses to Ottawa (2)	320.00
Travel Expenses to Ottawa (1)	80.00
Public Stenographer	28.45
Printing and Stationery (for annual meeting)	112.47
Printing and Stationery	6.30
Telegram	.65
Reports	65.55
Stationery Stamps	24.45
Exchange on Cheques, Etc.	4.80

883.67

Balance in Royal Bank of Canada 20th October 1951	201.43
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\$1085.10

Audited by Paul Shannon

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It was moved by Mrs. W.C. McCulloch (Souris) and seconded by Mrs. W.E. Clark (Baldur) that the treasurer's report be accepted as audited - - - unanimously carried.

A letter was read from Mrs. Oliver Rhynas, Mother of Hospital Aids in Ontario and President of the newly formed National Canadian Council of Hospital Auxiliaries, wishing this convention a successful annual meeting. On a motion from Miss C. Macleod and seconded by Mrs. A.P. Johns "that a wire be sent from this Association to Mrs. Rhynas for her present and past interest in our affairs."

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Delegates were introduced by Miss C. Macleod

ALTONA HOSPITAL: D.D. Stobbie.

The Altona Hospital has beds for 32 adults and 14 children. The Hospital Aid was organized on October 22nd, 1947. We have regular monthly meetings on first Wednesday in the month with two executive meetings. We have raised \$3,091.13 since the Auxiliary was organized. The President is Mrs. D.D. Stobbie.

The Auxiliary has 22 members, with an executive. This is the only Auxiliary working for the Hospital. We also have 25 associate members. Last year we raised \$305.36 from a Tag Day, Rag Drive, and collections. Our most outstanding achievement during the year was the donations we received from the Schools on Thanksgiving Day.

We donated all the linens and drapes for the public wards and three foot stools for the Nurses' Residence.

Our Hospital trains Practical Nurses; we graduate two to three a year.

We have a Public Relations Officer and our contacts with the community are through School Districts and Sewing Circles in and around Altona. The ladies help with the canning in the Hospital.

Corr. Secretary:
Margaret Montey, Altona

Treasurer:
M. Hillerley, Altona.

Public Relations Officer:
Mrs. D. Loewen.

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ARBORG AUXILIARY

Membership is composed of the total membership of all the ladies' societies in the community, with each society appointing two delegates to attend the meetings of the Auxiliary. The Board of Directors directs the work of the Auxiliary.

Last year the sum of \$413.86 was raised by means of Silver Teas and a rag and paper drive. Donations of Hospital equipment amounted to \$150.00.

At present the Auxiliary is represented on the Hospital Board by our President, who is entitled to vote.

Our aid is composed of all the Women's Organizations in the community. National Hospital Day is celebrated by a silver tea.

At present our biggest problem is to raise money to help the Hospital Board to pay off the balance of the Building Fund.

BALDUR UNIT #16 HOSPITAL AID: *Mrs. B. Magnusson*

The hospital capacity is six; our Unit is six bed adult. We were organized September 12, 1949 and are the only Aid, with a membership of 28.

Since our inception we have made \$2,025.23; in the past year, through Teas, Tag Day, Lucky Draws and donations we raised \$370.23. Our Tag Day was our big thing.

We ourselves, with our various activities, are our community contacts.

The President is Mrs. W.S. Lockhart.

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BEAUSEJOUR DISTRICT HOSPITAL: *Mrs. H.H.J. Lippmann*

Beausejour Hospital Guild, membership 96. Organized June 23, 1950. No life members but money raised last year amounted to \$2,024.41, by means of Teas, Home Cooking Sales, Dances, Bingo and Tag Day; the last mentioned our outstanding money making project.

We buy all linens, blankets, surgical gowns, patients' gowns, cushion covers and lamps. We made donations to Nurses' Residence of mirror, table, draw drapes, cushion covers and lamp.

Our contacts are through advertising in local newspaper, posters and notices by mail. We vote on our Hospital Board as a member thereof.

Our problem is trying to organize our surrounding districts.

President: Mrs. Phyllis Lippman.

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BENITO NURSING UNIT #1: *Mrs. Arletta Corbett*

Benito Hospital Aid; organized October, 1948; has a membership of 55 and four Auxiliaries.

Since our inception we have raised \$5,070.00, the sum this past year being \$1,320.00. Our ways and means were Fowl Supper, serving meals and lunches at Bonspiels, Teas, and Rags to Riches Drive.

Our most outstanding achievement -- serving the Bonspielers.

Our donations to hospital equipment are as follows -- linens, gowns, mirrors, radios, slippers, kimonas, drapes, two Foldaway Cots, and \$400.00 voted toward auxiliary motor.

Donations to Nurses' Residence -- drapes, mirrors, tablecloths, and Electrolux.

We have a Public Relations Officer, and our contacts with the community are favorable, as evidenced by good canvassing results.

Our problem is how to raise money.

The President is Mrs. W. Heaps.

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BETHESDA HOSPITAL, STEINBACH: *Mrs. Siemon Reiger*

Capacity, 38 adults and 4 children.

Money raised since inception, \$6,733.99.

Steinbach Women's Hospital Aid, 241 members. We have a Central Auxiliary. Money raised last year, \$997.99; our ways and means of amassing that money was through fees; display case with baby articles, which are sold; Teas; C. of C. Dinner; Rag Drive.

Our most outstanding achievement was the Rag Drive.

Donations to Hospital: Waiting Room furniture; toaster; baby scales; wheel chair; all linens; 400 jars of canned fruits.

Donation for Nurses' Residence: One mattress.

Hospital staff address us at our annual meeting.

We are not represented on Hospital Board. Our community contacts are newspaper and annual meeting.

Our problem -- getting housekeeper to be responsible for cleanliness of kitchen and laundry. Are the Aids responsible for Doctors' Operating Room Clothing, pants and jackets?

Our Hospital contributes to training of Practical Nurses.

The President is Mrs. Issaac F. Friesen.

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BOISSEVAIN, MORTON, MINTO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: *Mrs. R.C. Aitkens*

Ladies' Hospital Aid Society.

There is a Central Auxiliary with ten groups throughout districts with membership of 259. We raised \$1,792.53 by means of Easter Ball, Fall Tea, catering to Home and School Banquet, catering to Business Firm Family Party, donations from country groups, and Rag Drive.

Our outstanding achievement was the Easter Ball.

Donations to hospital were two over-bed tables, entire linen supply, metal cabinet, checkers, fruit, jam, eggs, silverware, dishes, four armchairs, library table, two mirrors, electric heater, Mix Master, electric kettles, sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, nine footstools, three large venetian blinds, electric refrigerator, living and dining room drapes, dining room buffet.

Our problems are nil.

The President is Mrs. R.C. Aitkens.

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BRANDON GENERAL HOSPITAL: *Mrs. D.L. Johnson*

Brandon Women's Hospital Aid Society; there are 30 active and 20 associate members. During the year \$1,370.00 was realized from membership, Snack Bar, Rummage and Home Baking Sales, and Sale of Rags locally, and the Hospital Bay Tea.

Our outstanding achievement during the year were our rural contacts and sewing meetings.

Brandon General Hospital: Cont'd.

Donations to Hospital: 9' Refrigerator for Children's Wing, \$395.00; Electric Food Carriage, \$436.00; and \$300.00 toward Laundry Plant.

We have a School of Nursing, graduating from fifteen to eighteen each year. Capping ceremonies are observed, and we are addressed by heads of hospital staff. We are not represented on the Board.

Our contacts with the community are Community Chest and press reports.

Our problems are lack of preparation of public as a whole, and lack of representation on Hospital Board.

President, Mrs. D.L. Johnson.

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CARMAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

The Carman Memorial Hospital, District 20, has beds for 43 adults and 11 children. The Auxiliary is called the Carman Women's Hospital Aid. It was organized in 1901. We have ten regular meetings. We cannot say how much money has been raised in fifty years. Our President's name is Mrs. Gordon Greenway.

Our Aid has 41 members and is the only Aid working for the hospital. Last year we raised \$869.79 by means of a three-day Tag Day at Carman Fair, Annual Shower, personal donations, and from women's groups in the area. Our Rag Drive was the most outstanding achievement during the year. We also did canning and mending at the hospital and raised \$500.00 tagging at the Fair. We visited the patients regularly and shipped salvage paper, etc., to Winnipeg.

Our Aid is represented by two members on the Board of the Hospital but we have no vote. Our contacts with the community are through the press and women's organizations of the town and rural areas.

Corr. Secretary:
M. Barnett, Carman

Treasurer:
Mrs. Wm. Aikens, Carman

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CARTWRIGHT AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL: *Mrs. D.A. Davidson*

Cartwright Women's Hospital Auxiliary; our Hospital is as follows -- adult beds, 7; 1 crib; 6 bassinettes; 1 Incubator.

We organized July 8th, 1947, and since our inception have raised \$3,949.08. We have 166 members. Besides our Central Auxiliary we have seven School Districts working and reporting to Cartwright.

We raised money by Rag Drive, lunch at Dances and Sports, Fun Fair, Mystery Box at meetings, and Travelling Apron. By these means \$1,558.48 was made possible. Outstanding achievement financially was the Fun Fair; socially, the Christmas Party at the Hospital.

Donations to Hospital: Operating Room Table; Cast Cutter; Speculum; X-Ray Marker; six Metal Covers for Trays; Hot Plate; Electric Fan; Small 'Frig; Heater; Brushes; Dishes; and Paint.

Cartwright and District Hospital: Cont'd.

Donations to Nurses' Residence: Mats for nurses' rooms; Sun Cart; Easy Chairs; and Christmas decorations.

We have one representative on the Board and vote. Our contact in community great success -- Christmas Party and Reception at the Hospital on the evening of December 23rd.

Our problem -- new ways of making money.

The President is Mrs. D.A. Davidson.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

The Children's Hospital, Winnipeg has 125 beds. Six Guilds are working for the Hospital each with their own Officers. They have a Guild Council but no central Auxiliary. Guild Reports follow:-

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - ANNIE A. BOND GUILD - Mrs. D. Young.

The activities of this Guild are a Booth at the Housebuilders Show, Christmas Cards and the Remembrance Fund. The Guild was formed in 1927 and now has 28 members. Since the start of the Guild \$4,668.00 has been raised which has been paid into the Hospital. Of this sum \$981.50 was used to furnish a ward.

One member attends the Hospital Board meetings but does not have a vote.

JR. ST. AGNES GUILD - Mrs. W.J. Neill

Two parties were given to the children at the Hospital during the past year one at Christmas and the other at Easter.

A twenty dollar gold piece in a wallet was given to a nurse at the graduation exercises. A Zeiss Microscope was purchased for the Hospital.

We have 25 members and the Guild was organized in 1936.

MCKINNON GUILD - Miss Nora Hallen

Since the Guild's inception in 1929 we have raised \$50,000.00. The Orthoptic Clinic of the Children's Hospital is maintained and has received from the Guild the sum of \$2,618.15.

The most outstanding achievement during the past year was the pre-sale of advertising for the House Builders' Association.

The other projects were a Spring-Bonnet Tea, Rummage Sale and Twin Coffee Parties.

LT. MELVILLE WOOD GUILD - Mrs. W.J. Hunter

This Guild has 27 members and last year raised the sum of \$3,766.92 by the sale of programmes for the House Builders Association, a tea, rummage sale and advertising.

A \$50.00 cash prize is given to an undergraduate nurse and for Hospital Equipment the following have been given - a Formula Warmer, 2 Stainless Steel Dressing Carriages, 1 Double Door Refrigerator, 1 Spencer Rotary Microtime with knives.

The total sum of monies raised since the Guild was organized is \$17,834.99.

ST. AGNES GUILD - Mrs. H.A. Greeniaus.

There are 93 members in this Guild and 9 Life Members. The Guild was formed about 1910. Last year the sum of \$6,000.00 was raised for the Hospital.

A Scholarship of \$600.00 awarded to a graduate nurse each year.

Our large money-making project is serving refreshments at the race meets at Polo Park. We also have a rummage sale, sell match folders and Christmas cards and have a large tea and sale of sewing, knitting and home cooking.

ST. JOHNS GUILD - Mrs. Wm. Verschoot.

We present a scholarship annually to a first year student and hypodermic sets to each graduate.

Our annual Penny bag tea is held on Easter Saturday afternoon in the Nurses residence. We also raise money by rummage sales, tea's, coffee party etc.

Last year the sum raised was \$1,618.49 and the Guild was formed in 1915 and we have 45 active members and 4 associate members.

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CRYSTAL CITY MEMORIAL: Mrs. D.A. McKay

Memorial Hospital Aid; we have a hospital of 14 adult beds and one cot. We have held six executive meetings during the year and in that time we raised \$722.96. Ours is the only Auxiliary for this Hospital; and that sum was produced by Teas, Plays, Lunches and Sale of Rags.

Our outstanding achievement was meals served at the Sports Day.

Donation to Hospital -- Incubator; to Nurses' Residence, sitting room furnished by money donated.

The President is Mrs. D.A. McKay.

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DAUPHIN GENERAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. E. Paul

Women's Hospital Aid was organized in 1946; bed capacity in Hospital, 100 adults and 19 children.

There is one Auxiliary with membership of 64, and 11 associate members.

Money raised during last year amounted to \$1,378.42; our ways and means were Spring Tea, Tag Days, Lunch and Dinner donated by local restaurant, Tea at the opening of the Robert Simpson Store.

Our outstanding achievement was our Annual Spring Tea with the proceeds from same netting us \$500.00.

Hospital Donations -- complete equipped three bed ward; \$1,000.00 toward an Electric Dish Washer; dishes to the value of \$600.00.

The School of Nursing graduates approximately eleven students a year; each is presented with a hypodermic set from us. A Capping Ceremony is performed, and we are addressed by staff members. Two of us attend Board meetings, without voting privilege.

Dauphin General Hospital: Cont'd.

Our press, and personal, are our community contacts. We have no problems. The President is Mrs. E. Paul.

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DELORAIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. Olina Henry

The Deloraine Hospital Aid. The Hospital has 17 adult and 8 nursery cots. We have 75 members, no associate or life members.

Our ways and means activities are Teas, Florence Nightingale Dance, Bazaar and Rag Drive. The proceeds from these were \$1,161.20.

Our outstanding achievement was the Bazaar.

We have a representative and a vote on our Board.

National Hospital Day is celebrated by holding Florence Nightingale Tea.

Our problems are laundry, nurses and new Hospital.

The President is Mrs. G.H. Jenkins.

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FREE MASONS' HOSPITAL, MORDEN:

The Free Masons' Hospital has 32 adult beds, 2 cribs and 6 bassinets. The Hospital was built in 1893 and the Auxiliary formed soon after. We meet every month on the first Monday. We also have two or more executive meetings per year. Our President's name is Mrs. G.H. Bray.

The Morden Hospital Aid has 52 members. We raised \$2,136.64 last year by means of a Fall Fun Fair and Rummage Sale. We donated linens and kitchen utensils to the Hospital, and linens and furniture to the Nurses' Residence.

We have no representative on the Hospital Board. We contact our community by asking for donations of vegetables, fruit, hospital supplies and sewing.

We celebrate Hospital Day by having a Tea one year, and a Rummage Sale. Our problem is to raise enough money to supply all the needs of our new Hospital.

Corr. Secretary:
Mrs. W. Colert,
Box 96, Morden

Treasurer:
Mrs. T. Ekstromer,
Morden.

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FOX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CARBERRY:

The Fox Memorial Hospital has 10 beds, 6 bassinettes; the Fox Memorial Hospital Aid was organized on June 28, 1948, with monthly meetings every third Monday. There were four executive meetings in 1951.

We have raised \$9,231.67 since the Aid was organized. The President is Mrs. W. Patterson.

Fox Memorial Hospital, Carberry: Cont'd

Our Auxiliary has 440 members, with a Central Auxiliary. Last year we raised \$2,977.84 by means of a Tea, Sale of Work, Tickets on Cake, Hampers, Dinners, etc. Our Fair Dinner realized \$853.26 clear.

Donations were dishes, flatware, glassware, bed linens, wool blankets, stretcher blankets, Doctor's gowns, Inhalator, Dining room furniture, Club Chairs for Waiting Room, Vacuum Cleaner, Tumbler Dryer, Washing Machine, two Refrigerators, Mirror for Nurses' Sitting Room, Scales, Mix Master, Sewing Trays, Tray Rack, Glass Tops for Bedside Tables.

Our Hospital Aid is represented on the Board of the Hospital by one member. We contact the community through organized community group leaders.

Rec. Secretary:
Winnifred Evans, Carberry

Treasurer:
M. Barlow, Carberry

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GENERAL HOSPITAL - WHITE CROSS GUILD - Mrs. J.M. Kilgour.

General Hospital has 850 adult beds, 35 children - with one Guild, the White Cross Guild.

The membership of this Guild is 275 and was organized in 1946.

Last year the sum raised for the Hospital was \$2,674.49 and the total sum raised since 1946 is \$23,153.35. The different ways of raising this money is as follows - Auction Sale, Theatre Night, Sale of Roses, Rag Drives, Birth Announcement Cards and Travelling Shop.

The donations to Hospital Equipment include a deep freezer for Bone Bank, baby scales, incubators, parallel bars, 100 copper vases, large one-quarter balance scales and \$500.00 Grant to Research Department.

We have no representation on the hospital board.

President is Mrs. J.M. Kilgour.

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GILBERT PLAINS HOSPITAL: Mrs. Peary Shunk

The Gilbert Plains Hospital has 10 adult beds and 6 cubicles. The Hospital Auxiliary was organized on September 28, 1947. We have regular monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month; we have had six executive meetings. Our President is Mrs. Peary Shunk.

The Gilbert Plains Hospital Auxiliary has thirty members. We raised \$520.15 last year by means of a Tag Day, Bag the Rags Drive, Teas, catering to local Societies, sponsoring a Pantry Shower each fall. We consider our Annual Tag Day our best moneymaker.

We donated to the Hospital an inhalator, linens; we supply all linens, gowns, sheets, drapes, doctors' gowns, etc.

We are represented on the Board of the Hospital by one member but we have no vote. We have a Public Relations Officer and our contacts with the community are through local papers and radio station CKD in Dauphin.

Gilbert Plains Hospital: Cont'd.

We celebrate Hospital Day by having a Visitor's Day conducted by the Nurses, also a Theatre Party. Our problems are to get members to take office and to get them to attend meetings.

Corr. Secretary:

Mrs. L.D. Best, Gilbert Plains

Treasurer:

Mrs. O. Johnson, Gilbert Plains

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GRACE HOSPITAL: *Mrs. Gordon Parker*

The Grace Hospital has 223 adult beds, 6 Children's with one Hospital Aid, The Grace Hospital Ladies Aid. We have a membership of 55 members and 20 associate members. The Aid was organized in 1933 and during the past year we have raised the sum of \$1,472.96 by having a rummage sale and a tea and bazaar.

Our donations to the hospital include 10 cots for nursery which is our aim for the present year and we have already given a formula sterilizer for the nursery.

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HAMIOTA DISTRICT HOSPITAL: *Mrs. Audrey Griffiths*

W.A. to the Hamilton Hospital District #7. There are 34 representative members. Each District raises money by Teas, Card Parties, Tag Days, Concerts, Plays, Weiner Roasts, and Lunches.

Pantry Showers were held throughout Districts to supply all the needs of Hospital in fruit, vegetables, jams and jellies.

Our most outstanding achievement -- equipping the Hospital with all its requirements in linens, furnishings, kitchen equipment, cleaners and polisher, besides donating a baby hoover unit \$250.00.

We have a Public Relations Officer and our community contacts are made mainly by said Officer and two representatives from each District through the Women's Institute.

We celebrate Hospital Day by Silver Tea and inspection of Hospital.

Our Hospital accommodates 24 adults and four children.

We raised through the means mentioned above, the sum of \$4,832.95 during the year.

The President is Mrs. J. Killoh.

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KILLARNEY AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL: *Mrs. A.E. Kent*

The Killarney and District Hospital has 30 adult beds and 6 bassinettes.

The Hospital Auxiliary was organized on April 1, 1947; we hold regular monthly meetings on first Friday in the month, also two executive meetings a year. We have raised \$5,247.64 since our Hospital Auxiliary was formed. The name of our President is Mrs. Clarence Bell.

Killarney and District Hospital: Cont'd.

We have 106 members belonging to our Auxiliary; this is the only Auxiliary. We have raised \$796.64 last year by means of a Tag Day, Banquets, Teas, Raffles, Donations. Our most outstanding achievement was serving meals at the Fair, also a Booth at Fair.

We donated two Invalid rings, two Therapy Oxygen Regulators, Pyjamas, Electric Heating Pads, Linens, Blankets, rubber sheeting, pillows, gowns, lounge coats, kitchen equipment. We also donated lamps, vases, end table, hassock chairs, mirror, bedspreads, rugs, cushions, curtains, waste paper baskets, to the Nurses' Residence.

We are represented on the Hospital Board by as many members as we wish, but have only one vote.

Our contacts with the community are through the local papers and telephone. We celebrate Hospital Day with a Tea at the Hospital.

Corr. Secretary:
Mrs. A.E. Kent

Treasurer:
Mrs. R. Campbell

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MacGREGOR NURSING UNIT: *Mrs. S. McCulloch*

MacGregor Hospital Aid was organized on June 5, 1951. The Unit has 5 adult and 3 children's beds. There is a membership of 74, comprising the Central Auxiliary with five others.

Money raised amounted to \$1,400.00, by means of Tag Day, Tea, Demonstration and Fun Fair. Our greatest achievement was the Fun Fair.

We have one representative on the Hospital Board, and have a vote.

Our problem is that the Hospital is not completed.

The President is Mrs. Fred Bishop.

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MANITOU HOSPITAL: *Mrs. W.A. Pommer*

The Manitou Hospital has 8 adult beds. The Hospital Auxiliary was organized September 12, 1950. We have a regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. We have raised \$1,710.72 since we were organized. Mrs. D.L. Cameron is our President.

The Manitou Hospital Aid has 91 members, with a Central Auxiliary with officers to direct the work of the Auxiliaries; country points have a representative on the Central Aid.

Our hospital was opened on 28th April this year, and we equipped the hospital with linen and many other articles, also fruit that was donated. We had a Towel Shower, and the Kinettes gave us nursery linens. We donated blankets, sheets and pillows to the Nurses' Residence.

We have two representatives attend the Hospital Board meetings and they have a vote. Practically every organization in Manitou and surrounding district have raised money for equipment.

Corr. Secretary, Mrs. W.J. Rowe, Manitou; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Stepler, Manitou.

McCREARY NURSING UNIT *Mrs. H.J. Fletcher*

McCreary Hospital Aid; our Hospital unit comprises 8 adult beds and 4 children's. There are 29 members and the money raised during the year was \$750.19 by means of two Tag Days, Ice Carnival, Silver Tea, Shower of Fruit, Jams and supplies for the Hospital Pantry, Sale of Rags to White Cross Guild, Tea in June.

Our outstanding achievement -- collection of rags for Rags to Riches effort.

Contacts were made by notices sent to Municipality; we also get our fruit and vegetables donated in the same way.

Donations to Hospital -- Plaques on Ward door, \$36.83; vacuum cleaner, \$125.00; toaster, \$14.75; kitchen utensils, dishes, supplies; \$100.00 towards Drier; total \$445.73.

We are represented on the Hospital Board and we have a vote.

Our problem is, raising money.

The President is Mrs. H.J. Fletcher.

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MIAMI COTTAGE HOSPITAL *Mrs. W.J. Johnston*

The Miami Cottage Hospital has 4 adult beds and 4 bassinettes. Our Hospital Aid was organized in March, 1950. We have regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. We have raised \$601.60 since we organized. Our President is Mrs. W.J. Johnston.

The Miami Hospital Aid has members. We have raised \$334.95 by means of an Annual Tea and Sale of Home Cooking, Rag Drive and donations. We held a drive for an Incubator Fund, and supplied Congo-Wall for the bathroom in the Hospital. We donated Infantair Incubator and bathroom scales.

We have no representation on our Hospital Board. We contact the community through our Aid representatives.

Corr. Secretary:
Mrs. Ralph Boyd, Miami

Treasurer:
Mrs. Ralph Boyd, Miami

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MINNEDOSA DISTRICT HOSPITAL: *Mrs. J.C. Gordon*

The Minnedosa District Hospital has 26 adult beds, 10 nursery beds. Our Auxiliary is called the Women's Hospital Aid of Hospital District No. 8. We were organized on September 12, 1949. We hold four meetings a year on second Monday of February, May, September and November. We have two executive meetings a year. We have raised \$8,200.00 since we organized. Our President is Mrs. C.A. Green, Minnedosa.

The Auxiliary has 800 members. We have a Central Auxiliary with executive officers and we have fifteen Aids, each with their own officers. We also have approximately 350 associate members.

We raised \$2,400.00 last year (1950-51) by means of Dances, Picture Shows, Tag Day, Bake Sales, Lunches, Card parties, Membership Drives, National Hospital Day. Our most outstanding achievement was Tag Day on Minnedosa Fair Day.

Minnedosa District Hospital: Cont'd.

We donated a Food Warmer for the Diet Kitchen; also linens for the Nurses' Residence.

Our contacts are our Quarterly Association Meetings. We celebrate Hospital Day by receiving groceries and cash donations throughout District No. 8.

We are interested in having a representative on the executive council but we are not in favor of one being chosen at the Regional Board Meetings.

Corr. Secretary:

Mrs. J.C. Gordon,
Box 623, Minnedosa.

Treasurer:

Mrs. Chas. Delmage,
Minnedosa.

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NEEPAWA DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. P. Murray

The Neepawa District Hospital has 32 adult beds, 4 children's.

The Women's Hospital Aid Society was organized about 1902. We hold regular monthly meetings on first Tuesday of the month, with two executive meetings. Our President is Mrs. Fred Alguire.

The Women's Hospital Aid Society has 274 members, and we have a Central Auxiliary to direct the work of the Auxiliaries. We have two Auxiliaries and one at Franklin.

We raised \$1,668.32 last year by means of a Violet Day \$339.94; Membership Drive \$270.88; Hope Chest \$1,021.05; and donations, \$36.45. We donated \$1,700.00 to equipment of the new Hospital; also linens, \$622.57.

We train practical nurses only, and they graduate in Winnipeg. We have one representative on the Board of the Hospital, with a vote. Our contacts with the public are our appeals for funds, memberships, Violet Day, and our Hope Chest Drive each fall. We celebrate Violet Day by a Tea at the Hospital.

Corr. Secretary:

Treasurer:

Mrs. A.E. Martin, Neepawa.

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PILOT MOUND HOSPITAL Mrs. J.M. Simmonds

The Pilot Mound Hospital has 7 adult beds, 1 children's. We organized the Hospital Aid on August 22, 1950. We hold regular monthly meetings on first Wednesday of the month, with one executive meeting. We have raised \$3,795.00 since we were organized. Our President is Mrs. O.R. Schultz.

The Pilot Mound Hospital Aid has 167 members, and two life members. The sum of \$3,795.00 was raised last year by means of a Fun Fair, local talent Plays, Tea, and Money Showers; Catering for Farm Auction Sales, and the Rags to Riches Drive.

We purchased Sterilizer, Electric Steamer, Electric Pad, Nursery Equipment and donated sitting room furniture, toaster, lamp, clock, stool, etc., to the Nurses' Residence.

Our problem is raising money.

Corr. Secretary: Mrs. M. McDonald

Treasurer: Mrs. E. Vanderborg, Pilot Mound.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE HOSPITAL:

The Portage la Prairie Hospital has 75 adult beds, 15 children's. The Hospital Aid was organized in 1901 (approximately).

We have regular monthly meetings on last Friday of the month. We have raised \$46,910.69 since our inception in 1902. Our President is Mrs. H.S. Atkinson.

Our membership is 53; the average attendance 15. We have a Central Auxiliary; and two Auxiliaries. We raised \$3,362.30 last year by means of a May Day Collection, Annual Hospital House-to-House Collection, which is held on first Monday in May each year.

We have furnished three semi-private rooms, 4 beds each, costing us \$3,458.79; and also provided a Wheel Stretcher (sponge rubber cushion), \$170.00

We have a Nurses' Training School, and graduate an average of five students a year. We observe the Student Nurses' Capping Ceremony and the heads of staff address our Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary is represented on the Board by two members; the President of our Aid has a vote.

Our contacts with the community are May Day Collections, Nurses' Graduation, Dance, Cooking School, Tag Day.

Our problem is we badly need a new Hospital.

Corr. Secretary:
Mrs. J.R. Colwill

Treasurer:
W.W. Newell,
Broadway Court, Portage la Prairie.

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PRINCESS ELIZABETH HOSPITAL: Mrs. J.W. Ellinhorpe

The Princess Elizabeth Hospital has 208 beds. The Princess Elizabeth Guild has 115 members. It is the only Guild working for the hospital. The ladies of this Guild visit the patients every Monday, teaching handicrafts and providing magazines and books.

A gift of a movie projection machine and a Steinway piano were given to the Hospital as well as an electric kettle to the Nurses' residence.

We have a membership of 115 and have raised \$1,753.62 since the inception of the Auxiliary. President Mrs. J.W. Ellinhorpe.

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RESTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL: Mrs. C.L. McMorran

Reston Unit Hospital Aid was organized June 26th, 1951. When completed the Hospital will have 8 adult and 2 cubicles. There are 90 members and five life members; this is a \$15.00 life membership.

Since organizing \$1,887.70 was raised in the following ways: Membership Drive, Tag Days in different towns and districts, Saturday Night Dances, Teas, Flowers and Fun Fairs. The Fun Fair held in Reston Rink, September 29th, was our outstanding achievement; from it we realized \$1,200.00.

The Auxiliary has all the linen and other sewing ready for opening of Hospital; wool is being collected, to be converted into blankets.

RESTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL: (Cont'd).

The Auxiliary has representatives from surrounding towns and districts on executive and committees.

The write-ups in local newspaper have been most helpful way of contacting communities.

Our problems will no doubt increase but we hope to have a representative at the Provincial Meeting, October 25th; in this way we hope to be better informed for what is ahead of us.

The President is Mrs. C. S. Campbell.

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SELKIRK GENERAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. N. B. Smith

Sr. Selkirk Hospital Auxiliary. The Hospital has 46 adult beds and 12 for children.

Our Aid was organized in 1907 and has a membership of 34. Since its inception \$32,925.61 has been raised. There are five Auxiliaries, each working individually, but have several joint meetings during the year. From January to June, \$1,887.00 was realized in the following ways: Hope Chest, Valentine Tea, Easter Ball, Silver Collections, Garden Party on Hospital Grounds, refreshments sold at Orchestra Show.

Donated \$2,400.00 to Hospital for Fenwall System Sterilizer on order.

We have talks from the Matron.

Any number can attend Board meetings; the combined number of Auxiliary at meetings have a combined vote of one.

For Public Relations we have a Press Secretary. Our contacts are by Teas, Fall Shower, Easter Ball, Posters, and press write-ups.

National Hospital Day is celebrated by a visit and Tea at the Hospital.

Our problem is lack of members, yet we have wonderful support from the town; our Hospital is facing the possibility of closing its doors due to lack of funds.

The President is Mrs. L. McKeag.

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SELKIRK GENERAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. Madeline Hallworth

The Junior Hospital Aid was organized in 1936, and in that time \$4,200.00 has been raised. We have a membership of 30, with six life members.

Through Rummage Sales, Home cooking sales, Spring Teas, raffles, dances, Food Demonstrations, and Penny Jars placed in stores, we raised \$490.00.

Our most outstanding achievement during the year was the Rag Drive in April, 1951, which netted our Aid \$204.06.

SELKIRK GENERAL HOSPITAL (Cont'd).

Hospital equipment donated -- four sterilizing racks; one crib and mattress; one dozen blankets; two dozen gowns; one dozen vests; 21 dozen diapers; identification beads and seals.

We donated \$10.00 at Christmastime for a gift for the nurses' quarters.

Our problems include Selkirk and district's need for new Hospital; the worn out laundry equipment necessitates too large a turnover of clothing and bedding, for which we make ourselves responsible.

The President is Mrs. Lorraine Collison.

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SELKIRK GENERAL HOSPITAL: (Clandeboye Aid) Mrs. Aime

The Selkirk General Hospital has 50 beds; the name of the Auxiliary is the Clandeboye Aid and it was organized on November 3, 1945. We hold monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month with two executive meetings. We have raised \$1,306.12 since being organized. Our President is Mrs. W.D. Aime.

Our Auxiliary has 20 members. We have a Central Auxiliary with each Auxiliary having their own officers. The hospital has five Auxiliaries; there were six, but the Ada J. Ross disbanded this year.

This year we raised \$273.48 by means of a Tea, Draws, Whist Drive and Dance, Quilt Auction, Bag the Rags Campaign, Flower Service, Hospital Shower. Our most outstanding achievement was a Whist Drive and Dance.

We purchased curtains, etc., for the public wards, table covers, various binders, men's and women's slippers for the public wards, and vegetables.

The heads of our hospital staff addressed our Aid. We celebrate Hospital Day by a Flower Service.

We would like to have a representative on the Hospital Board.

Corr. Secretary:

Mrs. J. Macklin, Clandeboye

Treasurer:

Mrs. L.W. Polan, Clandeboye.

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SELKIRK GENERAL HOSPITAL: (Petersfield Hospital Aid) Mrs. R. Bayne.

The Petersfield Hospital Aid was organized on October 24, 1945. We have regular monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each month, with six executive meetings. Money raised since organized, \$878.80. Our President is Mrs. Carmen Stevenson.

Our Aid has 24 members, and our Hospital has five Auxiliaries. We raised \$99.67 by means of Dances, Collections, Whist Drives and Teas.

SELKIRK GENERAL HOSPITAL (Petersfield Hospital Aid) (Cont'd):

Since the inception of our Aid we have donated hospital equipment to the value of \$548.25, and donated \$162.50 for china and cutlery, etc. to the Nurses' Residence.

Corr. Secretary:

Mrs. R. Bayne

Treasurer:

Mrs. W. Michaels,
Petersfield.

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SELKIRK - ST. ANDREW'S *Mrs. W.J. Waddell.*

Donations of preserves, pickles etc. and repairs to chair were our contributions to the Hospital during the past year.

Two of our members can attend the Board meetings of the Hospital but have no vote.

Last year the sum of \$62.82 was raised by the members.

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ROBLIN - ROBLIN DISTRICT HOSPITAL AID *Mrs. Fred McDuffe.*

Held a Bazaar on June 16th at which time we had 3 sewing table, a candy table, 2 bedding plant tables, farm produce tables, 1 novelty and 1 white elephant tables and 25 tea tables.

We have just been organized a little over two years and have raised \$1,985.24 in that period. 44 members belong to our Aid and we have 2 representatives on the Board of our Hospital, but they have no vote.

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ROLAND - ROLAND HOSPITAL AID *Mrs. Roy Mullin.*

The Aid was formed on October 27th 1950 and we now have 44 members which have furnished one ward in the new Hospital as well as bedding and linen for the wards, nursery and residence, 6 baby layettes, dishes, silver, kitchen utensils, electric tea kettle, electric iron, soaps etc.

The monies are raised by serving lunches at the Rink, a Dinner and a Dance, Teas, The Rag Drive, and 'The Travelling Shirt'. To date the Hospital Aid has raised \$1,928.74.

The Hospital is able to handle 6 adult patients and 3 babies.

Our Auxiliary is not represented on the Hospital Board.

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ROSSBURN - ROSSBURN & DISTRICT HOSPITAL AID *Mrs. J.G. Slitt.*

The most outstanding achievement of this part year was our Variety Fair which realized the sum of \$404.22.

We have donated to the Hospital the following - Electric Range Instrument Table, Inhalator, Silver-ware, Sheets, Pillow Cases and Hospital Gowns.

Two of our Members are voting members at the Hospital Board meetings.

The Aid was formed on November 30th 1950 and in that time has raised the sum of \$1,481.35.

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Rockwood Medical Nursing Unit Report

The Rockwood Medical Nursing Unit Aid is composed of 4 Guilds with a Central Committee. It was organized March, 1951. Mrs. Williams, 1st. Vice President of the Manitoba Hospital Association Aids kindly coming out to guide us. Our election of Officers was held at our April meeting, taking as our system separate guilds covering, Stony Mountain, Argyle, Balmoral and Stonewall, with a Central Executive over all. We have a member appointed to sit in on the Board meetings, but not vote, also a publicity convener. Each guild is entirely on its own, with Central Executive meetings called quarterly and Guild meetings monthly. We have an overall membership of 250 approximately; our fees are 50¢; Ways and Means is left to each guild to look after and they have taken the forms of a Rag Drive, Tag Days, Bake Sales, Novelty Sales, Teas, Fun Fair, Catering at Fairs and Dances, etc. During July, August and September there were no activities. To date our finances are approximately \$1200.00. Our hospital is not finished, but it is hoped that about late January or February we will be ready and our guilds will then feel that we are a part of a great humanitarian work - that of caring for our sick.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Costello,

Pres. Stonewall Guild.

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RUSSELL - COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AID *Mrs. Westwood.*

Since the inception of this Aid in 1933, \$6000.00 has been raised by means of tag days, raffles, picture shows and rag sale.

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ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Mrs. J.F. Flynn.

The St. Joseph Hospital Guild is the only Guild working for the Hospital. \$1,593.55 was raised during the past year by having two rummage sales, a membership tea and an annual tea and draw.

We have donated to the Hospital a cheque for \$1,500.00 for general use and an electric vacuum. We have a membership of 125 and were organized in 1924.

We do not have a representative on the Hospital Board.

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SHOAL LAKE MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL:

Mrs. R.O. Perrie.

Shoal Lake Hospital Aid was organized in 1946. The Hospital has 17 adult and 8 children's beds. We have a membership of 30.

We raised \$496.99 by means of Teas, Draw, Silver Collection, Tag Day, and Bag the Rags. Our most outstanding achievement was a Tea and Draw for an Electric percolator.

Donations to the Hospital: Paid for four days help for canning \$16.00; linens, \$359.20; Trilene kitchenware; a total of \$470.26. We donate a silver ring to the first baby of the New Year.

Our community contacts are very satisfactory; appeals through our press are very gratifying. We celebrate Hospital Day by Hospital Visiting Day and Tea with silver collection.

The President is Mrs. W. Badger.

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SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL, SWAN RIVER:

Mrs. Frances Baird.

The Swan Valley Hospital Aid has a membership of 250, including those in 15 Auxiliaries and the Swan River town group. There are several districts besides these, where small numbers of interested women help in our projects but are too few to form an Aid or "Local" as we call them.

The Central Auxiliary composed of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and one representative from each Local, have regular monthly meetings where plans are made for group projects and reports read from Auxiliaries.

All Aids have their own officers.

Besides an annual membership fee of \$1.00 per member, country groups raise a minimum of \$50.00 each, and Swan River \$200.00. This is done by Teas, Booths at Fair, or Picnics, Raffles, serving meals, Tag Days, Donations from church groups. During March a Variety Concert is held with items from each Local, a raffle of three or four articles, and lunch and candy sale, finished off with an old time dance. We feel this mass gathering fosters goodwill among the town and country groups.

This year a total of \$3,332.78 was raised by ways and means above mentioned.

SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL (Continued)

Our outstanding achievement was replacing the old wood range in Hospital kitchen with two new propane gas stoves.

Donations to Hospital -- 2 beds, 2 bedside tables, 2 bedside chairs, curtains, pictures for public wards, \$400.00 in linens. Pictures, mirrors and other small items have been placed in nurses' quarters to make them more comfortable.

The Hospital Aid President attends Board meetings but does not have a vote.

Our Auxiliaries are our contacts with the community; National Hospital Day is not celebrated.

Our Aid, organized in 1949 and the money raised since inception, \$14,582.81.

Our Hospital has bed capacity of adults 32, children 4.

Although there are no real problems presenting themselves, we could make use of suggestions on how to raise money in new ways.

The President is Mrs. Gordon Rusk.

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VIRDEN HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Wm. McDonald.

Virden Hospital Aid Society raised money last year amounting to \$3,237.73, by means of Tag Day, Spring Tea, fees collected, businessmen's donations, Fun Fair.

Our outstanding achievement was the Fun Fair, from which we realized \$2,500.00.

Our effort for new Hospital, equipment; mending linens at Hospital done each week, sponsored Blood Donors Clinic in July.

Donations to present Hospital -- linens, stainless steel dishes, glass dishes, various small needs; \$1,100.00 worth of linen on hand.

Donations to Nurses' Residence -- linens and Christmas remembrances.

We have a representative on the Hospital Board, and our contacts with our community come through our press reporter and our money raising activities.

Our problems are how to raise money; how to make the residents of the area more Hospital-Needs conscious; but prospects of new Hospital are looked forward to with pleasure and satisfaction.

The President is Mrs. Wm. McDonald.

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WHITEMOUTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL: *Mrs. A. J. Rickey.*

The Whitemouth District Hospital has 10 adult beds. Our Hospital Auxiliary is called the Rennie Guild; we meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. We have raised \$955.90 since we organized. Our President is Mrs. C. J. Ritchey.

Our Rennie Guild has 19 members. We have a Central Auxiliary with each Auxiliary having their own officers. We also have fourteen associate members. We raised \$114.90 last year by means of Dances; our most successful achievement was a Dance and Bingo Games. We donated money to the Hospital.

We have many problems, but everyone is willing to help when necessary.

Corr. Secretary:

None

Treasurer:

Mrs. J. Inkster, Rennie.

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WHITEMOUTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL - WHITEMOUTH AID *Mrs. D. M. Wardrop.*

This Aid was organized in June 1949 and since that date the sum of \$3,633.10 has been raised by the following efforts - Spring and Fall Supper and Bazaar, Masquerade Dance, a Tea, Valentine Dance, Bean Supper, Two Bridge Parties and Catering to a Blue Cross Supper.

The most successful affair during the last year was the Spring Supper and Bazaar.

The different Heads of the Hospital Staff address our Auxiliary but we do not have a member attending the Board meetings.

We have an active membership of 32 members and an associated membership of 40.

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SEVEN SISTERS FALLS - SEVEN SISTERS FALLS AID *Mrs. Art Williams.*

The most outstanding achievement during the past year was our Catering. We also had a "Two-Bit" Frolic and a Bean Supper. We raised \$921.07 during the year.

The donations made to the Hospital Equipment included a Sterilizer, Oxygen Dome, Hot Plate and Bassinette Linens.

Since the Aid was formed in June 1948 the sum of \$3,421.21 has been cleared through our efforts.

The President is Mrs. Art Williams.

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Adjourn for Luncheon at 12.45 P.M.

The President presided at the Luncheon.

The Guests at the head table were - Mrs. D.L. Campbell, Mrs. A.H.S. Gillson, Mrs. Garnet Coulter, Major Gage, Mrs. E.J. Blow, Mrs. W.P. Fillmore, Mrs. A.E. Hoskin, Mrs. Art Williams, Mrs. R.H.B. North, Mrs. Fred Walton, Miss C. Macleod, Miss Edythe Paynter, Dr. O.T. Trainor, Mr. Peter Lowe, Mr. John McIntyre. These guests were introduced by Mrs. Art. Williams of Seven Sister Falls.

Mayor Gage asked the blessing.

Mrs. Fillmore introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. O.T. Trainor, Medical Director of Misericordia Hospital and President of the Canadian Hospital Council.

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Dr. O.T. Trainor's Address:

Madam President, Guests, Ladies: I must confess that when Miss MacLeod asked me to perform this function I must have had a temporary lapse of some kind, because I said 'Yes'. I think perhaps it is probably due to the long association I have had with Miss MacLeod in hospital organization. I have always found it practically impossible to say 'No', so I had better say 'Yes'. However, when I see this gathering, even if one had nothing at all in the way of facility of expression, it would be an inspiration because I have never seen such a large and enthusiastic group of ladies in the hospital field before.

I think you are to be congratulated in having developed such an interest in the hospital field. We in the field, of course, are probably prejudiced and we naturally think that the work is worth while. To those who are not associated with hospitals as their every day function, such interest in such numbers is heartening to administrators of hospitals and Boards of Trustees.

You ladies are doing an extremely useful work. We in the hospital field realize only too well how much you contribute to the operation of our hospitals. I would like to bring to you also the congratulations of the Canadian Hospital Council on your achievement in forming your own National Organization. Many of you have had this objective for many years. Personally I have listened to Mrs. Rhynas hold forth on many occasions, and it is gratifying indeed to realize at last that you have achieved your objective. This development is bound to lead on to greater things and greater service in the hospital field.

Many of you perhaps may at times get a little discouraged and feel that you are not doing as much as might be done. To any who may have feelings of discouragement, I would like to assure you that no matter how little you may do, it is always very welcome and the extent of your contribution will be measured only by the effort you put into it.

This brings up a subject that I have heard discussed on occasion as to the place of the Hospital Auxiliary in the Hospital Organization. I think that there should be a close integration of the Hospital Auxiliary and the Hospital Management and Administration, and perhaps that could be formalized to a degree so that there would be actually financial representation.

Some Aids have felt they were not sufficiently recognized by the Board of Trustees. I believe that the Hospital Aids should be entitled to financial representation on the Board of Trustees of their Hospitals. In the voluntary hospital it simply means obtaining the consent of the Board. In the municipal hospitals, unfortunately, the composition of the Board of Trustees is set by Statute. I would recommend that this Association make it as one of their objectives to seek an amendment of this legislation, to allow representation to the Boards of Trustees to all Municipal Hospitals. It is a reasonable request, and if you ladies are going to work for your hospital, you should have some information, financially, of the position your hospital is in; what its difficulties are; what financial position it is in; and if that information is forthcoming, you would be able to function more intelligently; and to a greater extent perform very necessary functions.

You may meet with some obstruction in this particular objective. I would suggest you persevere. The position is so eminently logical it would be very difficult to deny you such a place. You will naturally not seek domination, but you should have representation. Even such a modest request as one representative from the Ladies Auxiliary on every Board of Trustees; I don't believe that it is wise or desirable that you should deprecate your own role in this picture.

A point I thought I might make as my main subject of discussion with you is the importance of maintaining our voluntary hospital system. This system you may perhaps know is under serious threat. Political expediency appears to dictate the adoption of compulsory hospital plans.

Two of our provinces have already adopted such plans. By and large, of course, I should point out that because of high hospital costs and charges, some form of hospital prepayment is an absolute necessity. The individual who neglects to provide himself with such coverage, is to say the least very reckless. There are two ways in which this prepayment can be achieved. One is by government compulsory plans financed through taxation and the other is voluntary hospital insurance.

We have voluntary hospital insurance in Manitoba and it is the most outstanding successful hospital coverage in Canada. It is the first plan instituted in Canada, eleven years in operation, and in those eleven years this plan has succeeded in enrolling 70% of the population of Greater Winnipeg. It started later in the rural areas of the Province and is now approaching 40% there. We are hoping that as time goes on a larger percentage can be enrolled. That, of course, means even in Greater Winnipeg where 70% are enrolled. The voluntary plan of 100% is impossible. There will always be an element in any population that cannot afford even the modest premium asked for in the voluntary insurance plan.

However, the Manitoba Hospital Service Association submitted to the Government, through the Health Study Commission, a brief offering to provide coverage for 100% of the population on the basis that those able to afford the premium asked for would be covered as at present. For those unable to afford such a premium an administration would be put into effect on municipal authority to be issued to Blue Cross to execute coverage, and that the premium be regarded as a charge on the municipality. Likewise, such Social Welfare cases which are the responsibility of the Provincial Government would be paid for; in that way only the person who deliberately is neglectful and refuses to recognize the necessity of protecting himself and family would remain not covered. This particular individual, one would hope, would be a small minority.

This is a voluntary and free way to do it. This Association, I think, is an example of perhaps the greatest achievement in co-operation in the whole history of Manitoba, and also it has succeeded in doing all this without subsidy and has remained in an actuary sound position. Contrast this with the situation in the two provinces that have embarked on compulsory government hospital insurance; I think it can be readily demonstrated, irrespective of what they have done in the way of the financial cost to the people.

At the Canadian Council meeting in Ottawa last Spring, I asked the pertinent question to the Saskatchewan and British Columbia representatives who were talking at that meeting, what the actual costs were. The answer was, in the previous year, Saskatchewan had spent \$12,000,000 on hospitalization alone. That is a lot of money, it is approximately one-quarter of the whole Provincial budget, just on hospitalization.

In British Columbia it was even worse. \$40,000,000 in two years has been spent on hospitalization. They, of course, since then have realized it is too rich for their blood and are trying to see what they can do to cut down. No matter how, they will never be able to provide hospitalization as economically as can be done under a voluntary plan.

I am not appealing to the Socialist mind. I have found through experience that such a mind is impervious to argument on this particular subject. If through some disposition of Divine Providence a good fairy would wave her wand and decree that everybody would be provided with hospitalization at no cost to anybody, the Socialist would not buy it. He would say, "The fairy wand is a Capitalist monopoly brought under government control".

There is an important subject which is very pertinent at the moment. The Federal Government, for several years, had a commission studying Health Insurance which includes hospitalization, and I believe in the next session there is going to be a select committee of the House of Commons sitting to deliberate on this subject. Health Insurance is fine, we all agree that it is probably necessary, but under what auspices is an important consideration. Under Government auspices on a compulsory basis; or under Voluntary auspices with possibly government assistance. The situation has developed at such a rate that it is necessary for those who believe in voluntary effort and in a free state to do some missionary work, and being convinced of the essential correctness of this point of view, make it their business to try and convince others. Particularly those of our numbers who, through their positions in legislations, and municipal councils, can determine the outcome of this particular matter.

I leave this thought with you and would say, incidentally, that this organization is one of the strongest demonstrations of the virtue of voluntary effort, and while it may be that you would have the same enthusiasm and give the same effort to the Government, I think perhaps that it might be open to question. You might be prepared to rest on your laurels and say, "Well, the government has taken over the responsibility, let them to the work and pay for it".

This is not the way to encourage voluntary effort.

With this thought I think I can conclude and express to you again my very great pleasure in being asked to speak to you.

Mrs. Walton of Minnedosa thanked Dr. Trainor on behalf of the Hospital Aids Association for a very inspiring and interesting address and expressed a regret that all the members of the Association were not able to be present.

Mr. John McIntyre of the Municipal Hospitals expressed pleasure in the size of the Convention and brought greetings from the City.

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Mr. Peter B. Low's Address:

Mr. Low expressed pleasure in being with the meeting and at seeing so many hospitals aids from the various parts of Manitoba. He proceeded to give a few outstanding points regarding the Winnipeg Foundation.

"You have no doubt heard of the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations and many others through the United States and Canada", he said, "The Winnipeg Foundation is established on a community basis, its work is within the City of Winnipeg and surrounding municipalities, and is carried on through endowments for charitable purposes".

"It started in 1921 by an old banker, Mr. W.F. Alloway, who gave the foundation \$100,000. In order to demonstrate to the public the function it performs, I sometimes like to describe the Foundation as community tree. Mr. Alloway planted that tree, and through the passing on to the Foundation of his estate, gave to us \$1,650,000. This tree was well supported and many strong branches grew on it. He did not name the Foundation 'Alloway', or the tree would have immediately stopped growing. He named it after the community he loved so much 'Winnipeg' with the result that this tree has no less than eighty-three branches. Through not only the gifts, bequests and donations, but also the estates of many fine citizens of the Province of Manitoba who have passed on to their great reward, the capital of our Foundation is now \$3,500,000.

Now, a tree of this description is without value unless it gives fruit. And it does give fruit. Its annual income in 1951 for the first time, has exceeded \$100,000 and during this year we will have distributed that entire amount. Over the thirty years we have been in existence, we have distributed \$1,750,000 in doing welfare work throughout Winnipeg and its vicinity.

This tree will not stop growing and its fruit is everbearing. It will continue year by year to grow in strength and to give added fruit for the benefit of these very good works. We have one gift that crowns our tree. It is the gift of \$15 which stands at the very crown and is the widow's mite and this gift has brooded over our community tree for all these years and has blessed its work.

I sometimes feel that in addition, the reason I have every co-operation is that, you will remember we always have to give a report of ourselves. So when we reach the Pearly Gates and face St. Peter, our good citizens will be asked to give an account of what they have done for their neighbor, their good deeds, and how they have helped the other fellow; and St. Peter will ask our citizens who reach his realm, what have they done for the Children's Aid Society, what have they done for the Children's Aid Society, what have they done for the Childrens' Hospital, or any other Hospital; what they have done for the Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. and the final question - what have they done for the Winnipeg Foundation, which I have left in the charge of Peter B. Low.

We are happy to receive gifts not only from Winnipeg, but also from other parts, although much of the charitable work seems to concentrate in the larger municipality of Winnipeg. I would just like to say a word in greeting too. You represent a very large group of women who never weary in doing things for the hospitals of Manitoba and we all benefit from your work. May each unit of the Hospital Aids, and each individual in the unit, have the Master's touch in order that your work may progress and fulfill the purposes that you have in view for the hospitals and the individuals who require your help throughout the Province. Our good wishes to you. I know that over a period of time this Association will be an outstanding Association for this Province and I wish you every success."

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Mrs. G. Coulter presented a Meritorious Life Membership to Mrs. Blow and her remarks were as follows:

"I would like to thank the members of the Manitoba Hospital Aids for the honor they have conferred upon me in asking me to be a patron of this organization, and for this delightful and interesting luncheon.

I am happy to have the privilege of presenting a Life Membership to Mrs. Blow. I have talked to many other about her services over the years, and have had quite a conversation at the table here. I am sure I know that you all agree that no honor could be more merited than this Life Membership which is going to Mrs. Blow. She has given thirty-two years of her services, which is a long time, performing a completely devoted service to hospitals in her community.

This is the kind of service that is all too often not recognized as much as might be by the public in general.

It is a great pleasure to present this Life Membership to Mrs. Blow which is a token of the great appreciation and esteem of her associates to whom she has given so much."

Mrs. Blow expressed her thanks and assured the association that she desired to do anything she could for the hospitals.

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The President gave a message from the Hon. Ivan Schultz, Minister of Health, regretting that he could not attend the Luncheon due to his absence in the Old Country and of his appreciation of the work of the Hospital Auxiliaries in Manitoba. He will try and find time to get information about similar women's organizations in England.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting continued with further reports from the Aids.

The meeting then adjourned so that members could take the Bus provided by the Winnipeg Electric Company through the Kindness of Mr. R.W. Queen-Hughes, to the Princess Elizabeth Hospital for a tour of this beautiful new Hospital.

A delicious afternoon tea was served by the Princess Elizabeth Guild members. Mrs. W.J. Ellinhorpe, President of the Guild received with Mrs. W.P. Fillmore. Over 200 ladies attended.

Mrs. Henry Paul thanked Mrs. Ellinhorpe and the members of the Princess Elizabeth Guild for their kindness in entertaining the Aids at tea.

Mrs. Ellinhorpe then thanked all the rural Aids for their kind donations of afaghans to the hospital.

On a motion from Mrs. H.S. Atkinson of Portage la Prairie and seconded by Mrs. Frances Baird of Swan River a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the President and Directors for the delightful Presidents Dinner the previous evening.

The meeting continued again, when a report of the Rag Drive was given by Mrs. Stewart Scott from the White Cross Guild.

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Report to Manitoba Hospital Aids on White Cross Guild Rag Drive - 1951.

Madame Chairman, Members of the Manitoba Hospital Aids, friends:

The splendid success of our province-wide Rag Drive held in the spring of this year, must, we feel sure, have been as gratifying to you throughout the province as it was to us here in the city, and as chairman of the rural committee, I should like to submit the following brief report:

The Patriotic Salvage Corps and the members of the Automotive Transportation Association were two factors that made this huge undertaking possible; the former in finding a market, handling the rags and making prompt returns, while the latter were indispensable in bringing all these tons of material into the city. We are indeed indebted to both of these organizations.

Seventy-nine centers were contacted through Hospital Aids, Women's Institutes, etc. and as a result, fifty-four hospitals in all benefited. The total amount of money produced from the drive amounted to slightly in excess of \$17,000 gross and of this amount, just short of \$5,000 went to the country points.

Here in the city we ran a block pick-up plan for one month, canvassed commercial plants such as the large department stores, office buildings, garment manufacturers, etc., and arranged for theatre parties for children in twenty-four of our local movie houses.

The publicity campaign both in the city and throughout the province was most effective, and our very grateful thanks are due to our many good friends here in the city, to the

I.O.D.E., the Junior Red Cross, the Women's Institutes, the Department of Health and Public Welfare, the grain elevators, Manitoba Hotel Keepers Association, the lumber merchants, the Canadian Legion and many others who spread the word throughout the province. For many weeks prior to the drive, the publicity committee worked like beavers, arranging for press items and radio talks, all of which were most effective, and for which we were very grateful.

The wonderful donations of many friends and business firms here in the city enabled the Guild to keep expenses down to a minimum.

As we pointed out to you in our last communication, many mistakes were made in the type of materials sent in. This was natural perhaps in doing it for the first time. Again let us remind you that rubbers, shoes, leather goods of all kinds, straw mattresses, binder-twine clippings, etc. cannot be accepted. As you will have seen by the statements sent you, the dockage was very high, and although we paid it this first time, we feel that we would be unable to do so again. Wool content is most important and of course brings the highest price.

A most unfortunate circumstance arose in regard to Hamiota. Due to difficulty with the local trucker, the rags were held so long that spontaneous combustion occurred - one of the dangers of having any oily rags - and the water used to extinguish the fire made a dreadful mess of the otherwise very large shipment, and resulted in 50% dockage.

The grateful thanks of the White Cross Guild are extended to the following groups - Anola, Dugald, Meadows, Marquette, Hazelridge, Melita and Point du Bois, who turned their proceeds over to the Winnipeg General Hospital.

In closing, the members of the White Cross Guild wish to thank you for taking part so enthusiastically in what we consider has been a splendid effort. We do hope that you are all willing to take part in another one, starting to work on it right now and making it twice or three times as big. It is a very easy way to make money for your local hospitals, as well as for our General Hospital, which in the long view is your hospital too.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Scott
Chairman, Rural Committee.

After some discussion it was thought that the last two weeks in May were the best time for the next Rag Drive.

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Address by Mrs. L. W. Houston on St. Louis Hospital Convention:

Madame Chairman and Ladies:-

In case some of you ladies do not know the organization of the White Cross Guild of the Winnipeg General Hospital, I will tell you briefly. We have a governing board and employ an Executive Director who has an office in the hospital. We promote community interest and understanding in our hospital. We believe nurses of routine work and co-ordinate all volunteer service in the hospital. Also, we make gifts through money raising projects. Our director's work is to train volunteers to give service where service is needed.

To attend the Fourth Annual Conference of American Hospital Association Women's Auxiliaries in St. Louis Missouri was indeed a great pleasure and privilege given to Miss Kathleen Schoenau, our director, Mrs. John B. Nettelfield and myself. The Board allotted a sum of money for our director to attend the conference and also stated that it would be more advantageous if at least two board members could go and take the director by motor. We were all able to complete the trip without any additional cost to the board.

The conference in St. Louis was only the fourth held by this association so you realize it is fairly new. In the fall of 1948 it was decided by a small group of auxiliary women having a conference that they could greatly profit from a National Program, and as the American Hospital Association held a convention annually, it was decided that the Womens' Auxiliaries should be a part of it. By banding together the auxiliaries have improved the effectiveness of their activities and added to their own ingenuity is the knowledge and experience gained by other hospital auxiliaries all over the United States.

Over 400 women attended this conference so you can readily see that it was a wonderful opportunity for us to gain information helpful to our guild.

We listened to speakers on Blood Banks, Volunteers for Civil Defence and for disaster. The disaster programme was most interesting - it was given by the administrator of the hospital that took care of the cases off the train wreck out of New York last year. From this we learned the clearly defined part volunteers could take in such an emergency.

We had a meeting on Projects - most enlightening I can assure you to learn the many ways and means of raising money. Heard Library, Gift Shops and Snack Bars discussed and an excellent talk on membership in Auxiliaries also organization of several and sometimes many guilds or auxiliaries working for one hospital.

An administrator of a hospital gave us excellent information on Hospital Personnel and how volunteers fit into the scheme. Another gentleman spoke on How to Answer Cost Criticism in Your Hospital

We had small group conferences on How To Do It? and Let's Talk it Over. This was information on Projects, Newsletters, Annual Reports, Radio Scripts. One of the most interesting speakers was a well known Director of Public Relations. Out of this, and all meetings I might add, we learned that the auxiliaries first duty to their hospital is Public Relations - money and Gifts are only secondary. All auxiliary members should know their hospital and be able to answer intelligently all questions that the average

person might ask. Make your hospital known by knowing it yourself - i.e. How many beds? Laundry and Kitchen problems and statistics. Be able to tell human interest stories and do something personal in the hospital, such as visiting regularly, entertaining the children and long stay patients. Be able to explain different rules of the hospital. There are many ways to "Keep Your Publicity Showing."

You can realize that this was definitely a working conference - morning, afternoon and evening without social entertainment, from Monday to Thursday. The finale was a luncheon, where "Best Annual Report" Certificates were awarded, and we had an excellent address by Mr. Frank Weil of New York City on "Apathy."

At our first Board Meeting on our return, we recommended that the White Cross Guild join the American Womens Hospital Auxiliaries and we were very pleased when it was moved and passed that we so do.

The advantages are - we receive all conference reports and copies of speeches whether we attend or not; - a monthly newsletter is posted giving all activities and projects; - the Committee pool knowledge and experience for compiling into manuals and reports, all of which is available to us. There is a problem-referral service, where we can write the Secretary for any information we require. Thus we will learn more about the three major services performed by auxiliaries; 1. Public Relations, 2. Volunteer Work (which is pertinent to our guild) 3. Fund Raising.

The conference was really inspiring and there was so much to talk about but I won't go on and on. I would like to close with this:

A group of women working together towards a common goal is a very powerful force. When that force is directed at a humanitarian objective like helping hospitals provide the best care for the sick and injured, then it can accomplish wonders. Mr. Weil, our luncheon speaker said, "When women volunteers were working together for their community needs, they were and always would be our country's first defence against Communism and soundest base for our Democracy."

Thank you Madame Chairman for giving the White Cross Guild this opportunity to speak at this dinner meeting thus "keeping our publicity showing."

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A vote was taken on the revised constitution which had been sent out to all Hospital Aids and it was moved by Mrs. J.M. Kilgour and seconded by Mrs. W.J. Hunter and accepted unanimously. Some discussion took place as to the advisability of taking two days or a day and a half for our Annual meeting.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. Claude Currie, moved by Mrs. Currie, and seconded by Mrs. W.H. Neil.

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Madam President, Members of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association

Your Association is honored by having the following patrons

Mrs. D.L. Campbell

Mrs. Garnet Coulter

Mrs. A.H.S. Gillson

It is my privilege to present to you on behalf of your Nominating Committee the following nominations for the ensuing year.

Past President	Mrs. A.E. Hoskin	Winnipeg
President	Mrs. W.P. Fillmore	Winnipeg
1st Vice President	Mrs. Art. Williams	Seven Sisters Falls
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Matt Ormiston	Winnipeg
3rd Vice President	Mrs. R.H.P. North	Carman
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South Western	Mrs. G.A. Davis	Boissevain
Central	Mrs. J.A. Burgess	Minnedosa
Winnipeg	Mrs. J. Kilgour	Winnipeg
	Mrs. L.V. Savage	Winnipeg

Advisory Committee

Mrs. Percy Murray	Neepawa
Mrs. R.R. Swan	Winnipeg
Miss Edythe Paynter	Winnipeg
Mrs. Claude Currie	Winnipeg

All of which is respectfully submitted

Irene Currie

Chairman
Nominating Committee
Manitoba Women's Hospital Aid
Association.

Mrs. Fillmore expressed her thanks to all present for their confidence in her by electing her as their President and said how honored she felt by being appointed.

Mrs. R.R. Swan presented the Resolutions Report which was as follows:- It was moved by Mrs. R.C. Aitkins of Boissevain and seconded by Mrs. D.L. Johnson of Brandon, that

WHEREAS - Not all Manitoba Hospital Aids have official representation on their Boards.

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Presidents of all local Hospital Aids be nominated as official Board members at the annual meeting of the Hospital Board.

After a full discussion it was moved by Mrs. W.J. Ellinhorpe and seconded by Miss Edythe Paynter that the resolution from the Regional meeting be tabled

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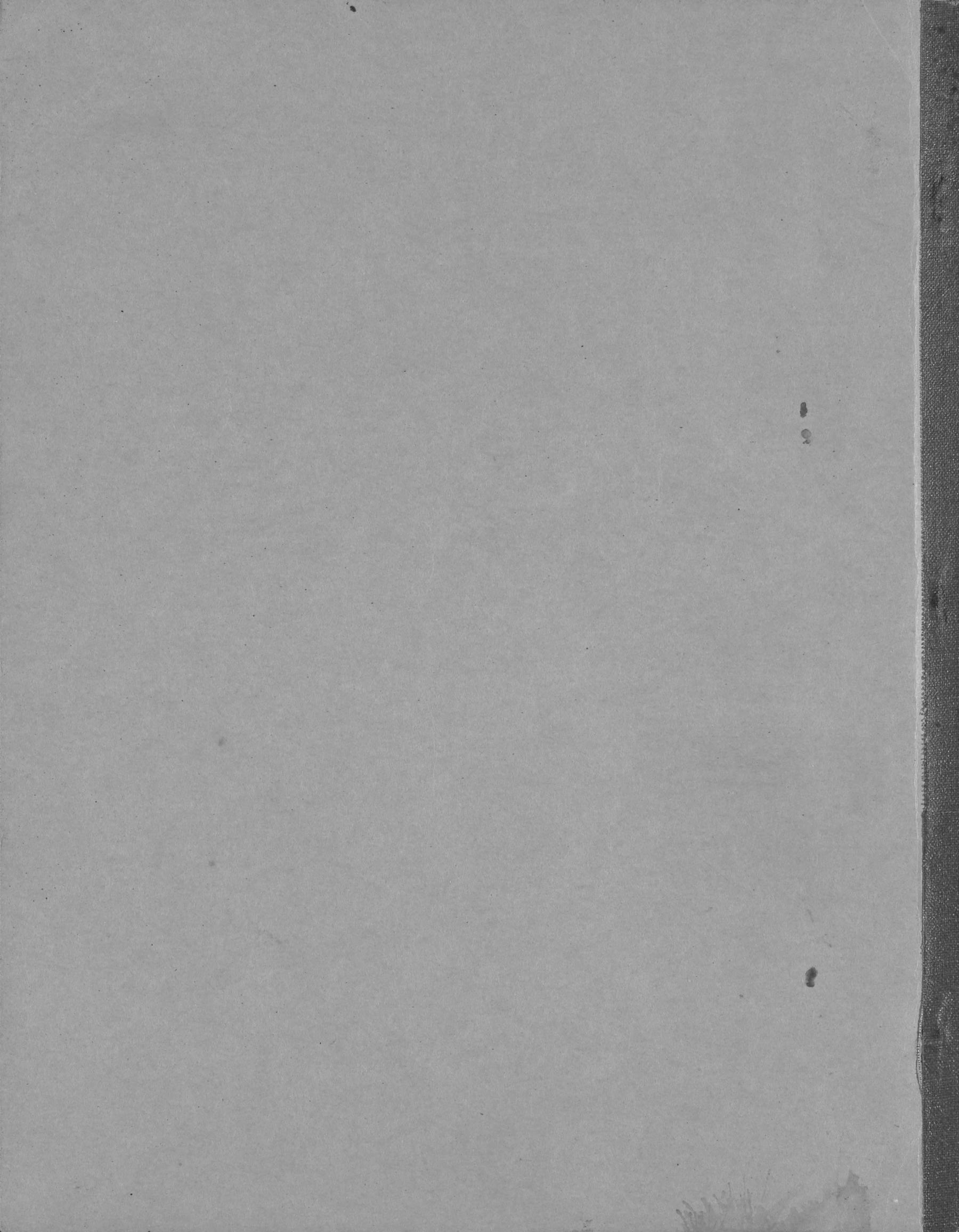
The following Companies and persons were given a hearty vote of thanks for their part played in carrying on the work of the Association during the year and also for making this annual meeting so successful -

Rural and City Newspapers
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Mrs. R.W. Leslie
Miss L. Stevenson
Mrs. D. MacFarlane
Dr. O.T. Trainor
Mr. Peter Lowe
The Hon. Ivan Schultz
The Associated Hospitals
Mr. Paul Shannon
Radio Stations C.K.Y. and C.B.W.
R.B. Ormiston Limited
Mrs. Claude Currie
Miss Christine MacLeod
Mrs. A.M. Oswald
Miss K. O'Neil

In reply to a request by the Clandeboye Aid that the date of the meeting be changed, Mrs. Fillmore explained to the members present the reasons for holding the annual meeting in October was that the Associated Hospitals held their meeting at that time as members of the Canadian Hospital Council travelled across Canada speaking at annual meetings of the Associated Hospitals. The Associated Hospitals of Manitoba arranged their meeting so that members of the Canadian Hospital Council could attend and speak at sessions here.

A discussion period was held under the leadership of Miss C. MacLeod.

On a motion from Mrs. A.M. Oswald the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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